

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a state in which plural public folders are set in a digital multi-functional peripheral (MFP) and made public on a network, a first PC transmits, at the time of activation, designated to-be-monitored folder list data on first PC to a second PC. When second PC has received the designated to-be-monitored folder list data from first PC, second PC collates the received designated to-be-monitored folder list data with its own designated to-be-monitored folder list data. Second PC returns to first PC permission/non-permission data that rejects designation of a public folder as a to-be-monitored folder, if the public folder has already been designated as a to-be-monitored folder ("exclusion process") and permits access to other public folders.

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